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1. JAPAN

EMBASSY TOKYO REPORTS THAT THE RECENT EXPOSE OF TANAKA'S FINANCIAL DEALING HAS FURTHER ERODED HIS ALREADY WEAKENED POSITION. IT IS NONETHELESS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT:

--TANAKA WOULD CONSIDER STEPPING DOWN UNLESS PRESSURED INTO IT BY HIS OWN PARTY.

--EITHER ELDERS OR DISSIDENTS WITHIN THE PARTY WOULD PRECIPITATE A CRISIS BEFORE PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT.

TANAKA MAY RESHUFFLE HIS CABINET, HOWEVER, TO TEMPORARILY STRENGTHEN HIS HAND AGAINST BOTH INTER- AND INTRAPARTY CHALLENGES.

2. PORTUGAL

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REUTER REPORTS THAT A NEW COUNCIL DESCRIBED AS A "STUDY

GROUP" HAS BEEN FORMED INCREASING THE AUTHORITY OF THE
LEFT WING OFFICERS OF THE AFM. ITS MEMBERS ARE:

--THE SEVEN MAN JUNTA;

--THE AFM COORDINATING COMMITTEE;

--SIX OTHER AFM MEMBERS, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER
GONCALVES AND LEFTIST MINISTERS MELO ANTUNES AND
VITOR ALVES.

3. THE NETHERLANDS

ONE ALGERIAN AND TWO DUTCH CRIMINALS, ALONG WITH A
CONVICTED ARAB SKYJACKER, ARE HOLDING SOME 24 HOSTAGES IN
A PRISON IN THE HAGUE. THEY ARE DEMANDING:

--THE RELEASE OF ANOTHER ARAB HIJACKER, AND

--THAT AN ARAB DIPLOMAT COME TO THE SCENE TO
INTERPRET.

DUTCH OFFICIALS INSIST, HOWEVER, THAT ALL THE WOMEN AND
CHILDREN AMONG THE HOSTAGES MUST BE RELEASED BEFORE
NEGOTIATIONS CAN CONTINUE.

4. AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION

ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS IN RABAT CALLED FOR GREATER
COOPERATION BETWEEN ARABS AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PAR-
TICULARLY THE AFRICAN NATIONS.

--AN AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE WILL
REPORTEDLY BE HELD IN CAIRO BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR,
PAVING THE WAY FOR AN AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT.

--THE ARABS AGREED ON A DRAFT AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION
PROGRAM, INCLUDING SOME 125 MILLION DOLLARS IN
TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENT AID.

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5. PALESTINIANS

A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT SYRIAN FEDAYEEN LEADER MUHSIN
FEELS THE VOTE TO INVITE THE PLO TO JOIN THE UNGA DEBATE
ON PALESTINE HAS:

--INCREASED FATAH'S INFLUENCE AND UNITY;

--ISOLATED REJECTIONIST FRONT GROUPS.

THE SOURCE FEELS THAT THE PFLP'S FRANTIC VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND THE ESCALATION OF ITS OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL ARE INDICATIONS OF THE PFLP'S TOTAL ISOLATION FROM THE FEDAYEEN AND THE ARAB WORLD.

NOTES

6. PANAMA-CUBA

A CIA SOURCE REPORTED THAT PANAMA WILL TAKE A HARD LINE AT THE OAS MEETING IN QUITO. IT WILL ATTACK UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF LATIN AMERICA AND BE ONE OF THE FIRST NATIONS TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ELIMINATION OF THE CUBAN SANCTIONS.

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7. MOZAMBIQUE

REUTER REPORTS THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED OVER 500 PERSONS OF ALL RACES IN THE WAKE OF LAST WEEKS RACIAL DISTURBANCES IN LORENCO MARQUES IN AN ATTEMPT TO ROUND UP SUSPECTED AGITATORS AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE AMONG THE POPULATION.

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